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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director/Intelligence  
Attn: Chief, Collection Guidance Staff  
**Deputy Director/Plans**  
Attn: Chief, PE Division

**SUBJECT :** Briefing of the DCI for the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Meeting

1. With further reference to my memorandum to Chief, PE concerning briefing material for the DCI in connection with his appearance before the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, I understand that DDCI/CCG and PE Division will collaborate on a paper concerning over-all U. S. intelligence coverage of China, North Vietnam and the Viet Cong for the purpose of supporting U. S. military operations. The briefing paper, it seems to me, should be a general overview addressed specifically to:

- a. Coverage of hostile activity in South Vietnam (both Viet Cong and North Vietnamese);
- b. The military situation in North Vietnam (including OB, military preparations, air defense, etc.);
- c. The Chinese threat.

It seems to me that the paper should identify very briefly the facilities now existing for coverage in these three areas, including some assessment of the adequacy of these various facilities (agent operations, COMINT, overhead photography, etc.) and also some statement about what is being done or should be done to improve these facilities.

2. Perhaps the most important part of the paper is a list of recommendations which the DCI can suggest to Mr. Clifford for communication to the President concerning Presidential action calculated to improve intelligence operations in the area. These could include budgetary proposals, proposals for the deployment of additional or new types of aircraft, etc., etc.

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3. I understand that FEC Division is also preparing briefing papers on covert action operations and also CI programs in the area.

4. The DCI should have at least preliminary drafts of briefing papers as early as possible, and I should like to be able to hand them to [redacted] by 1200 hours on Friday.

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